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## Mubarak and Peres Endorse Conference On Mideast Peace

By John Kifner  
New York Times Service  
CAIRO — President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel agreed Friday that there should be an international conference on Middle East peace this year.

Mr. Peres's commitment, announced at the end of a three-day visit here, was expected to provoke strong reaction from the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, who opposes such a conference.

Mr. Shamir, the leader of the hard-line Likud bloc, contended Thursday that Mr. Peres, of the labor Party, had no mandate to agree on an international conference, as there was no reference to it in the agreement that established a national unity government after deadlocked elections more than two years ago.

"My aim is to achieve peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors, not to deal with a war between the Jews," Mr. Peres said Friday in Tel Aviv in reference to the growing domestic political squabble. The dispute has raised the possibility of a breakup of the cabinet and early elections.

The agreement, reached after two meetings in Cairo with Mr. Mubarak, reaffirmed a call that the two men made in Alexandria last fall, when Mr. Peres was prime minister.



Foreign Minister Esamat Abdel Meguid of Egypt, left, with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel, reading a statement calling for an international Middle East conference.

## Regan Quits White House Post; Howard Baker Replaces Him

### President Cites 'Integrity' Of His Choice for Staff Chief

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches  
WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan announced Friday that he had accepted "with regret" the resignation of his beleaguered chief of staff, Donald T. Regan, and had appointed former Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., a widely respected Republican politician, to become his top aide.

Mr. Regan had been blamed by the Tower commission in its report Thursday for causing "the chaos that descended upon the White House" after the disclosure that arms had been secretly sold to Iran and the proceeds diverted to the Nicaraguan rebels.

"The president, in a written announcement, said, 'Howard Baker is a distinguished American who has served as majority and minority leader of the United States Senate, a leader of the Republican Party and a man of unquestioned integrity and ability.'"

He added: "I am enormously pleased that he is willing to take on this responsibility and to help me organize the White House staff for an aggressive two years of work."

It was unusual that the president did not personally announce the appointment of a new assistant of



Donald T. Regan arriving at the White House on Friday.

## White House Said to Use Threats to Aid Contras

By Stephen Engelberg  
New York Times Service  
WASHINGTON — In its effort to organize private aid for the Nicaraguan rebels, the White House solicited help from, and by some accounts threatened, several countries heavily dependent on American financial and political support, the Tower commission report discloses.

The report quotes discussions within the administration about threatening President Oscar Arias Sánchez of Costa Rica with a cutoff of American aid if he publicly exposed a secret airstrip for the rebels built in his country.

The report said the commission could find no evidence that President Ronald Reagan ever approved the broad plan to aid the rebels, known as contras. But it quotes several internal documents suggesting that Mr. Regan knew about at least some of the activities.

One internal memo said that Mr. Regan was told about plans to organize a legal defense for the American crewman who survived the downing of a contra supply plane over Nicaragua last year.

Turning to the arms sales to Iran that are said to have provided most of the contra effort, the report said that the United States was receiving intelligence about Iranian terrorist activities planned against the United States as Robert C. McFarlane, the former national security adviser, was preparing to go to Tehran last year to complete an arms-for-hostages exchange.

Among the report's disclosures about aid to the contras are these:

- Documents and evidence suggest that senior officials, including Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter, then the national security adviser, were kept fully informed by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. North, a security council aide, of his efforts to aid the contras during the two-

### LATE NEWS

#### Bolivian Leader Shuffles Cabinet

LA PAZ (UPI) — President Victor Paz Estenssoro shook up his cabinet on Friday but reappointed his key economic ministers, saying he would not change his free market policies that have stemmed inflation.

To a surprise move, Mr. Paz Estenssoro asked all 19 cabinet ministers to submit their resignations on Thursday night. He replaced or shuffled his ministers of interior, labor, the presidency, aeronautics and agriculture, but reappointed the finance and planning ministers.

## Light Sentence for Abdallah Is Sought

By Julian Nundy  
International Herald Tribune  
PARIS — The prosecutor in the trial of Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, who was charged with complicity in the murders of a U.S. and an Israeli diplomat, asked Friday for a maximum sentence of 10 years' imprisonment.

Pierre Bacchin, the prosecutor, said he was asking for a relatively light sentence "with a heavy heart" and evoked the safety of French hostages held in Lebanon and threats of terrorist violence in France.

Mr. Abdallah, a Lebanese Christian, was charged with complicity in the murders of the two diplomats in 1982 and in an unsuccessful attack on another U.S. diplomat in 1984.

Mr. Abdallah, who has refused to attend the trial since shortly after it opened Monday, faced a maximum sentence of life imprisonment on each charge.

The three attacks took place on French soil, and responsibility for the attacks was claimed by the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions, a Marxist guerrilla group based in northern Lebanon.

Mr. Bacchin's plea for a 10-year sentence came after reports that the French government wanted the seven-judge panel not to be severe, fearing that terrorist attacks by Mr. Abdallah's supporters might resume. Eleven persons were killed in bombings in Paris in September.

A verdict in the trial is expected Saturday. If the judges follow the prosecutor's recommendation, the decision would be certain to anger the United States, which has been a civil plaintiff in the case.

Under French law, any new prison term could run concurrently with a four-year sentence that Mr. Abdallah is already serving on charges that include arms possession.

With full remission, his sentence could be cut by half. Since he was arrested in October 1984, this could mean that he would be free in the fall of 1989.

Several French newspapers have reported that the government wanted Mr. Abdallah to receive a 10-year sentence of which four would be suspended. Under this formula, he could be freed by the end of this year.

Georges Kijman, the lawyer for the U.S. government, told the judges before the prosecutor's speech: "It is not up to you to do the duty of the state." The judges.

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## Banks Slash Venezuela's Interest Rate

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches  
NEW YORK — Venezuela has reached an agreement with its bank advisory committee that would sharply reduce the interest payable under a \$21 billion debt-rescheduling agreement signed a year ago, bankers said Friday.

It is the second major debt agreement struck this week. Chile and its bank creditors announced Thursday a \$10.6 billion debt-rescheduling accord, with sharply reduced interest and lengthened repayment periods.

Bankers said they hope that, by demonstrating their willingness to arrange multilateral debt reschedulings on easier terms, they will isolate Brazil in its attempt to bypass the banks and seek what is seen as a political solution to the problem of Third World debt.

Brazil said on Feb. 20 that it would suspend interest payments on the \$66 billion it owes foreign banks, and subsequently froze \$15 billion of short-term loans.

On Friday, Brazil's 14-bank ad-

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### African Students in India Protest AIDS Tests

An Indian policeman arrested an African student protester during a demonstration in New Delhi on Friday against mandatory testing of foreign students for acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The African students accused the government of practicing "AIDS apartheid." Belgium announced a similar program of AIDS testing on Friday, which requires 1,500 Third World recipients of government scholarships to submit to the AIDS test or to forfeit their funds.

## U.S. Trade Gap Widens 38.7%, to \$14.8 Billion

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches  
WASHINGTON — The U.S. merchandise trade deficit widened to \$14.78 billion in January as exports fell to their lowest level in almost three and a half years, the government reported Friday.

The Commerce Department said the deficit, the gap between what the country imported and what it

## Naples Tries to Put a New Face on Its Image of Graceful Decay

By John Tagliabue  
New York Times Service  
NAPLES — Along Via Stadera, in a neighborhood they call Purgatorio, hoodlums of the Camorra, the Neapolitan version of the Sicilian Mafia, sprayed gunfire this month at a group of laborers building apartments for people left homeless after the earthquake six years ago. Those gunshots shook some of the brighter assumptions about this gracefully decaying Mediterranean city.

Progress has never had much of an audience in Naples, a society that seems to wrap itself in contrasts of violence and tolerance, splendor and confusion, overlaid with a fundamental joy in life. But Naples recently has begun shaking off the indifference.

For Guido D'Angelo, the chief executive of Mededil, the government-owned construction company, the metaphor of all this is the city's immense reconstruction of 28,000 homes, and schools and public utilities, after the earthquake. Also, to relieve congestion in the historic center, the city is building a 250-acre (105-hectare) business and residential center.

All this is making Naples easily Europe's largest construction site.

"There has been an awakening, a flowering in the wake of the earthquake," said Mr. D'Angelo, 54, a veteran of the city's struggle against decline.

"There were two elements: first, the need to act quickly and to develop flexible administrative channels, and secondly, the flow of money, given the liquidity of the national economy."

There is also an enthusiastic cultural revival. Maurizio Barracco, a Calabrian aristocrat, and his wife, Mirella, a Neapolitan, have poured their energies into an unusual foundation, Naples 99. They have had extraordinary success over the last four years in winning corporate support for restoring the city's artistic riches.

Further stimulation should come from plans the government in Rome is drawing up to invest \$14.7 billion over three years in rebuilding the country's decaying roads, railroads and communication links. More than a third is earmarked for southern Italy.

The gun shots in Via Stadera were like a throwback to earlier ways. They also raised questions of whether fresh money would not merely provide fertile terrain for the organized crime that has always been the city's bane.

For some, too, the prospect of immense public works evokes earlier unsuccessful efforts by previous governments in Rome to close the economic gap between north and south.

Symbols of those failed efforts abound here. Across the bay stands the huge nationalized Insalider steel works, which earlier planners hoped would bring jobs and prosperity. But the collapse of the steel market and cheap foreign competition forced Insalider to eliminate more than 6,500 of the 8,000 jobs it had in 1977.

At the same time, the decay of the city's natural beauty in its hills and waters and of its artistic treasures led to a decline in tourism. In Florence and Rome, tourism in Naples dropped by more than 6 percent from 1979 to 1984.

Economic decline was aggravated by po-

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- Plans for Iranian terrorist activities against the United States were reported at the time of Robert C. McFarlane's visit.

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# Arrest of 13 Officers Causes New Resentment In Argentina's Military

**BUENOS AIRES** — The arrest of 13 naval officers on human rights charges this week has provoked new resentment among Argentina's military and a confrontation between civilian judges and the defiant navy personnel.

The police arrested six retired admirals after they failed to appear in court on Wednesday to answer charges of torture and other crimes alleged to have been committed at a navy detention center.

The court part the other seven officers, two of whom are retired, under arrest after arraignment on charges of rights violations at the center, the Navy Mechanics' School.

The confrontation marked one of the most tense moments in the three years since the democratically elected government of President Raúl Alfonsín took office after eight years of military rule.

"An arm wrestle between justice and the past," the federal prosecutor, Julio César Strassera, called it. He has prepared the cases against those charged with concealing or conducting the military's war on subversion in the late 1970s.

Attempting to defuse the crisis, the navy chief of staff, Vice Admiral Ramón Arce, sent a radio message to all naval units urging obedience to court decisions while offering those "under indictment" all the legal means "the navy can provide."

# TRADE: Deficit Widens

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But in trading Friday the dollar ended stable. (Page 13)

Traders said last Sunday's Paris agreement among six leading industrial nations to stabilize exchange rates was working, at least for the time being. They said market participants were restrained from selling dollars by concern that the central banks of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain and Canada might intervene and buy the dollar, if it resumed its recent slide.

Again, the biggest U.S. trade deficit — \$5.16 billion — was with Japan, a widening of 34.7 percent from December. U.S. exports to Japan fell 21.3 percent, to \$1.81 billion, the lowest monthly export total since last May.

The Reagan administration has been pressuring Japan to open up more of its markets to U.S. goods to ease the trade tensions between the two countries and to blunt protectionist sentiment in the United States.

Contributing to the rise in imports was a 12.9 percent rise in oil shipments during January, with the United States importing \$23.94 billion in oil. Imports of manufactured goods climbed 7.2 percent, to \$23.94 billion.

Last year, the United States had a record trade deficit of \$169.77 billion. The Reagan administration says it believes the deficit will shrink by at least \$30 billion this year, but private economists say that prediction is overly optimistic.

In other trade reports Friday:

- Japan's Finance Ministry said its seasonally adjusted surplus in merchandise trade rose 10 percent in January, to \$9.58 billion from \$8.72 billion. Before adjusting for seasonal fluctuations, however, the surplus actually declined in January, to \$5.7 billion from \$10.17 billion, because it had been artificially inflated in December by a rush to record shipments of exports before the end of the year.
- West Germany said its merchandise trade surplus declined to 7.2 billion DM (\$3.95 billion) in January from a record 11.6 billion DM in December.

(AP, Reuters)

Courts around the country have indicted nearly 200 officers this month for alleged atrocities under the years of military rule from 1976 to 1983.

A series of new trials is expected in the months to come and accused officers have suggested they may not go willingly to court.

The mechanics' school housed a huge detention center at the height of the military's campaign against Argentine leftists, according to a state inquiry board formed after the country returned to democracy in 1983.

Torture victims and relatives of people said to have died at the mechanics' school have filed more than 400 charges of atrocities.

The issue of whether active-duty officers would be permitted to face civilian courts investigating human rights abuses arose after Congress adopted a law setting a deadline, last Sunday, for the filing of charges and the issuing of summonses. The courts issued summonses to 180 men, including 30 active-duty officers.

Altogether, 186 military officers are awaiting trial on charges of human rights abuses, Defense Secretary Alfredo Mosso said.

"We were coming on a much smaller number of military men to be indicted" when the parliament approved the law setting the deadline on new indictments, Mr. Mosso said.

Ten retired military officers, including two former Argentine presidents, have been convicted so far by civil courts for human rights abuses.

On Wednesday night, about 70 military officers gathered outside the Buenos Aires home of an army captain indicted for rights abuses and held a rally in his support.

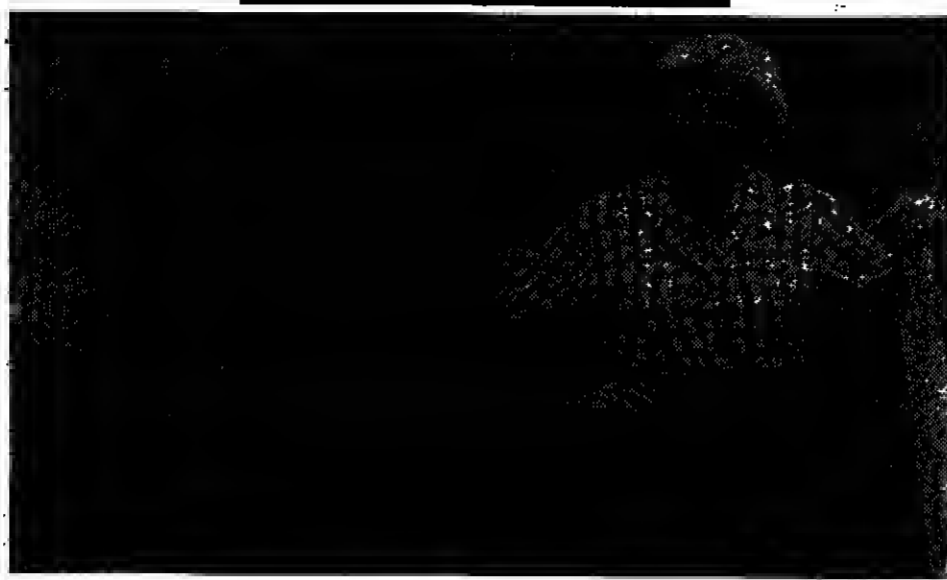
Although they have said they will let justice take its course, military leaders also have expressed resentment over trials on rights abuses and have applauded the law that set the deadline on new indictments.

**Court Orders Astiz Held**

Lieutenant Alfredo Astiz, who was implicated in the disappearance of a Swedish girl and two French nuns, was arrested Thursday in Buenos Aires when he appeared in the Argentine federal court because he refused to testify, Agence France-Press reported.

The court had summoned him for questioning about the former military regime's detention and torturing of suspected subversives at the Navy Mechanics' School.

# AMERICAN TOPICS



**PLOWED UNDER** — Iowa's lieutenant governor, Jo Ann Zimmerman, at her farm in Truro in a photograph taken last summer. Two banks are foreclosing on the farm. She won election in 1986 by appealing to distressed farmers, saying that her family was in similar financial shape. Banks have foreclosed on thousands of farms in recent years.

# Till Death or Dinner Us Do Part, Amen

Couples feel less social pressure these days to go everywhere together, according to Michael S. Broder, a clinical psychologist in Philadelphia. "Years ago," he told The New York Times, "it would have been scandalous for one member of a couple to go somewhere without the other, even if that other member were sick. Now, married people are going all sorts of places alone — including out with friends."

Until recently, said Karen Shamor, a psychologist in Washington, "both members of the couple have had to go together," adding, "Otherwise, neither person was considered a valid presence."

The gradual change "is part of our economic reality," she said. "More women are working," which leads to a degree of independence.

John Guidobaldi, a psychology professor at Kent State University in Ohio, said this also leads to husbands and wives developing separate groups of workplace friends.

The growing notion that one member of a couple may be company and two, a crowd, is yet to become commonplace, however. For friends, somebody's showing up without a spouse in tow can upset more than a table arrangement.

"It can be very threatening to other couples," Dr. Shamor said. "It can touch a sore point in their marriages. It can also be interpreted as an affront, a flat-out statement that your spouse doesn't like them."

# Short Takes

**Marijuana Smoking** among American high school seniors declined last year, to 23.4 percent, from 25.7 percent the previous year and a high of 37.1 percent in 1978, according to a University of Michigan survey. Cocaine use declined slightly to 6.2 percent from 6.7 percent. But the number of students in their last year of high school using cocaine every day doubled to 0.4 percent in 1986 from 0.2 percent in 1983. Cigarette smoking has been constant at about 30 percent since 1980.

**Expansion of Embassy Buildings** in northwestern Washington is encountering resistance from neighbors, who object to the congestion and parking problems that diplomatic offices can create. "We love the embassy residences," said Harold Washburn, chairman of a neighborhood group. "They add so much panache to the community. It's the chandeliers, the offices, that we deplore." Diplomatic immunity does not shield building renovations or expansions from zoning laws or preservation groups. The problem is growing: Washington had 94 diplomatic missions in 1960 and has 139 today.

**General William C. Westmoreland** says he hasn't seen "Platoon," but doesn't like what he has heard about it. The film follows a fictional infantry platoon in Vietnam. "Apparently the producers of this film made a list of all the illegal and immoral and unauthorized acts in Vietnam and made a movie about it," said the general, who commanded U.S. forces in Vietnam from 1964 to 1968. "I admit things went on in Vietnam that were immoral and against humanity, but they were not commonplace. People go to this movie and think it was commonplace. It was not."

# New Orleans officials are considering a new street line to connect the French Quarter with the business district in time for the Republican Party's national convention in August 1988.

The city's famed street named Desire has long been replaced by a city bus, and just a few other streets, of 1923 vintage, are still in use.

**Pushing** is different on New York's gritty Upper East Side, according to Melinda Lande, a New York Times realtor. She was waiting for a traffic light at East 75th Street and Third Avenue when a stranger walked up, hand outstretched. "Excuse me," he said, "but do you have some spare change for food and incidentals?"

— ARTHUR HIGBEE

# Warrants for Bank Executives Spurned by Vatican Officials

**VATICAN CITY** — The Vatican reacted Friday with "amazement" to the arrest warrants issued for a U.S. archbishop and other Vatican bank officials and said its institutions did not have to respond to the Italian judiciary.

Judicial sources in Milan said Thursday that magistrates there had issued warrants for Archbishop Paul C. Marcinkus, the Vatican bank's president, and two top bank executives, Luigi Manini and Pellegrino De Strobel.

The magistrates are investigating the 1982 collapse of the Banco Ambrosiano, which was partly owned by the Vatican bank, known as the Institute for Religious Works.

The statement said that news of the warrants had caused "amazement" in the Vatican because they came such a long time after the Ambrosiano collapse and because Vatican officials were not aware of any new elements in the case.

The Vatican also rejected accusations from the Milan judiciary that Archbishop Marcinkus had refused to cooperate with investigators over the past four years. It said he had offered "substantial and faithful collaboration with the Italian magistrature" and had given investigators "numerous memoranda and notes accompanied by copious documentation."

Archbishop Marcinkus cooperated, the statement added, despite a 1929 treaty between Italy and Vatican City which states, in part, that "the central departments of the Catholic Church are exempt from interference by the Italian state."

The treaty was part of an agreement that granted Vatican City sovereignty after the papacy lost its landholdings in the unification of Italy in the 19th century.

Vatican sources said they believed that the statement Friday had been approved at the highest levels of the Vatican and may even have been directly supported by Pope John Paul II.

The statement suggested it would be difficult, if not impossible, for the arrest warrants to be delivered to the three men.

Legal sources have said that the Milan magistrates' report on their investigation would be sent to the Justice Ministry in Rome, which would be the first step in a complicated procedure to forward the warrants to the Vatican.

Archbishop Marcinkus, 65, an American who has been working at the Vatican for more than 20 years, holds a Vatican diplomatic passport. Manini and Mr. De Strobel are Italian citizens who reside in Vatican City.

Italian investigators have said the Vatican bank was responsible for part of the \$1.2 billion in bad debts left by Banco Ambrosiano when it collapsed in 1982 in Italy's largest private banking failure.

The Vatican believed the affair was closed in 1984 when it paid a \$250 million settlement to Ambrosiano creditors as part of what it called a goodwill gesture.

Archbishop Marcinkus and other Vatican officials have maintained that they had no legal or moral responsibility for the failure of Ambrosiano, whose president, Roberto Calvi, was found hanged

in London two months before the bank crash in 1982.

Since the Ambrosiano collapse, leading church prelates, particularly Americans and West Germans, have urged the pope to release annual budget breakdowns of the Vatican's expenses and income.

Church sources said Friday that they expected the latest episode to result in fresh calls for full financial disclosures.

One church source said: "At least as far as the budget is concerned there is nothing to hide. The Holy See's budget is smaller than some of those of large dioceses."

The Vatican said last year that the Holy See's deficit for 1985 had grown by about \$11 million over 1984. It appealed to Roman Catholics to help it with greater generosity.

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# TRIAL: Prosecutor Asks Light Sentence for Abdallah

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he added, should "carry out justice and not favors."

But the prosecutor said in a brief summation that France risked "being the victim of blind attacks in the coming weeks."

Referring to the situation in Lebanon, he said that the entry of Syrian troops into West Beirut had brought "a glimmer of hope" for the five French hostages still held in Lebanon.

"Independence does not exclude prudence," he said.

While asserting the defendant's guilt, he asked the judges, "with a heavy heart, not to hand down to the accused a prison sentence of more than 10 years."

Opening the summation for the defense, Jacques Vergès, described the trial as "a witch-hunt," adding: "But we are not in the time of McCarthy."

The judges should not agree to what "the United States asks of its vassals," he said.

Before the trial, Mr. Abdallah, 35, was commonly referred to as the head of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction, a Marxist

guerrilla group based in north Lebanon.

But a former deputy head of France's intelligence service, cast doubt on Mr. Abdallah's importance by testifying that he was a minor figure.

Using the term "petit chef" or "small boss," Raymond Nart, who was the second-ranking official in French intelligence at the time of Mr. Abdallah's arrest in October 1984, said, however: "I did not say that a small boss was incapable of making people kill."

He described Mr. Abdallah as the chief of a commando group rather than of the whole Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction. Terrorists experts say that the group numbers only 20 to 30 people.

Evidence presented in court showed that Mr. Abdallah traveled on five different passports and had rented a number of apartments, paying through a Swiss bank account. This indicated that he had sophisticated assistance.

"Did Mr. Nart have higher considerations?" Mr. Kiejan asked

Friday. "There are not little or big deaths."

Another witness, a French diplomat who was held hostage for 10 days in northern Lebanon in 1985, testified that he understood that Mr. Abdallah was "a big fish."

Gilles Sidney Peyrolles, the former head of the French cultural center in the northern Lebanese port city of Tripoli, said that he had identified two of his abductors as brothers of Mr. Abdallah.

His kidnappers had referred to attacks that they said their group had committed against U.S. and Israeli diplomats in France, he said.

They had described Mr. Abdallah as a militant who was "unjustly detained in France," he said.

# Raimond to Visit Middle East

**ABU DHABI** — Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond of France will visit the United Arab Emirates and possibly Jordan and Oman next month for talks on the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iran-Iraq war and bilateral ties.

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Report on the Iran Affair

The President at Fault

Their words were polite, as befits commissioners judging the president of the United States... The report adds to the store of what was known about unorthodox funding...

No One at the Wheel

From John Tower, Edmund Muskie and Brent Scowcroft comes an incisive and painstaking report that becomes the new baseline both for an understanding of the Iran-contra affair...

Other Comment

Weighing the Blow to Reagan

The report of the Tower commission presents a thorough indictment of the conduct of foreign policy in President Reagan's second term. The reputation of the president for being a good delegator who is well informed...

and its staff are the president's special baby. When things go wrong there, no one but the president carries the final can. And things went lamentably wrong...

OPINION A President 'Not Aware' Only Partly an Aberration

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON — When the U.S. Constitution was drafted in 1787, one of the hard questions was who should run the executive branch of the new government...

Ronald Reagan meant no ill. Yet he did not act in this affair with the minimum attention required of his lofty office.

The government of this vast country is extraordinarily dependent on one individual... That constitutional framework is what makes the report of the Tower commission such an important, indeed shocking document...

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON — President Reagan will, sometime next week, respond to the Tower commission, to which he should feel deep gratitude. It focused discussion on how his "management style" produced what John Tower calls the Iran-contra "aberration."

There are two senses in which the primary problem was not "management style." First, no managerial wizardry could have altered the fact that the policy — selling arms to Iran, then bartering them for hostages — was self-indulgent folly...

The affair was an aberration in the sense that it does not typify the general tenor and record of the administration in all spheres of policy...

Reagan has put a heavy burden upon himself — he must prove that he is still interested in being president.

pleasure of winning the release of hostages. As in the Iran affair, he allowed his preoccupation with hostages to control public policy... The heavy, slovenly preparation for the meeting in Iceland was evidence of a laziness that was evident two October evenings...



Nancy — where is the rest of me?

SLOC: The Unerring Knack for Misreading Chinese Tea Leaves

By Richard Nations

HONG KONG — I have a friend for a week in Washington who works for a branch of government that shall remain nameless to protect the guilty. There's not much more they could do to my friend. Let's call him John.

His demise conforms to a well-established pattern. When Beijing abruptly canceled a port call by U.S. warships in 1985, the standard line blandly put the episode down to Mr. Hu's unstable character...

But at that very moment, the students launched a campaign against Japan, thus firing the opening shot in the renewed power struggle that led to Mr. Hu's demise in January...

tics of the student movement combined elements of both, and Washington is still puzzled by it. Not everyone misread the tea leaf. Diplomats of several nations in Beijing, and my friend John, warned against complacency...

Hungry Africans Are Crying Again

By Jonathan Power

LONDON — Hardly have the sounds of children crying and parents mourning faded away in Sudan and Ethiopia than a new wretchedness is apparent to the south, in Mozambique and Angola.

Both, by deciding to host other guerrilla groups hostile to South Africa — UNITA in Angola and Renamo in Mozambique — have given Pretoria an excuse for punitive attacks against them and for funding the rebel movements.

LETTER Long Have They Reigned Your People column of Feb. 7 claimed that Queen Elizabeth II, who succeeded her father in February 1952...

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## The Goethe Institute's Worldwide Approach



Tutoring German to the needs of industrialists, scholars and the Chinese.

The Goethe Institute, which was founded in 1951 to promote the German language abroad and arrange cultural exchanges between Germany and other countries, is playing a special role in this year's Hannover Fair (April 1 to 8), the world's largest industrial fair.

China is the fair's "partner country" this year, and the Goethe Institute will be in Hannover to roll about its work with China's educational and cultural organizations. The Institute has been conducting teaching courses at several Chinese universities since 1976.

A German-Chinese panel discussion, on April 2 at the fair's Lower Saxony Pavilion, will bring together experts from both countries in the fields of politics, business, science and culture. There will also be a reception at the Goethe Institute's information center, to which Chinese scholarship students and a Chinese writer have been invited.

The Goethe Institute's presence at Hannover is indicative of a trend in teaching German. Though there has been a loss of interest in recent years in German as a general language, there has been increased interest in it as a business language. The Institute and the German Industry and Trade Conference (DIHT) recently worked out an examination for business German that has proved to be of particular interest in the European Community, northern Europe and South America.

The Goethe Institute has long been a partner to business and industry, and conducts "tailored" language courses at its facilities in West Germany. The Institute knows that a hotel specialist will need a much different kind of German than an art historian. The student is the one who decides on the scope, content and length of the course. Intensive individual instruction is also possible. The bulk of those who study at the Institute's 16 facilities within West Germany and Berlin come from the United States, Japan, Italy and Switzerland.

The 16 institutes are not located exclusively in big cities; some are in pleasant country areas. They provide language instruction to some 20,000 foreign students a year.

On completion of the course the student can get one of several certificates. There is a German Language Diploma, awarded by the Institute in conjunction with the University of Munich, and a Certificate of German as a Foreign Language, issued in conjunction with the German Association of Adult Education Centers. Additionally, a diploma for business German is awarded in some foreign countries in conjunction with

each country's chamber of commerce.

In addition to the facilities at home, the Goethe Institute has 149 cultural centers in 67 countries. Though the foreign facilities are tailored to local needs, a typical one will consist of a library and facilities for classes, seminars, exhibitions, concerts, motion pictures and the like.

Goethe Institutes abroad can be found in such faraway places as Athens, Seville, Bangkok, Beijing, Bucharest and Lima. Locations in North America include Seattle, St. Louis, Ann Arbor and Vancouver.

The Institute is financed partly from government funds, partly from fees collected for its work and partly from private donations. It has recently been getting additional federal funds as part of a Bonn program to

promote the speaking of German abroad.

Another point of emphasis is the Institute's work in basic and advanced training for German teachers. Courses and seminars are conducted at home and abroad. There is also a program for counseling schools on German instruction, and in some cases financial aid is provided for the teachers.

The Institute also provides language instruction by radio and television, most recently in conjunction with the Deutsche Welle shortwave service. It supplies libraries with information on the cultural life in West Germany, and it awards the Goethe Medal to people who have distinguished themselves in international cultural exchange.

The European Year of Music 1985 was a particular challenge for the Goethe Institute. The year was so designated largely because it marked the 300th-year anniversaries of the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frederick Handel, both German-Born. The Institute reacted with 1,582 musical events worldwide, a 26 percent increase in musical activities over the previous year. About two-thirds of the events were concerts and the remainder were lectures, symposiums, workshops and seminars.

A sampling of events the Institute sponsored during 1985 will give an idea of the cultural program abroad. The Musica Antiqua ensemble of Cologne made an extensive tour of China and Scandinavia, while the Camerata of Cologne toured Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia and several South Asian countries. In the theatrical world, the Bochum Theater presented the play "Herzmannschlach" in Budapest and Paris, while the Wuppertal Dance Theater performed in Los Angeles and New York.

## Spotlight on English

"Spotlight" magazine, published near Munich, circulates monthly throughout German-speaking Western Europe, carrying news of politics, business, culture, science and sports.

That alone would not be surprising, but Spotlight is printed in English. It bills itself as "the magazine in easy English," and its target audience is Germans who speak some English and would like to keep in practice and improve their knowledge of the language.

Its publishers say the magazine has a two-fold editorial concept: as a device for practicing the language and as a medium for improving knowledge of the English-speaking world. In pursuing the second goal, it probably covers Britain, Ireland, the U.S.A., Canada, Australia and New Zealand more

extensively than any other German periodical.

This editorial concept seems to make sense to a lot of Germans. English is by far the most-taught foreign language in Germany's public schools, universities and language schools. A knowledge of it can be a genuine asset in the job market.

The magazine features a variety of aids for the learner. Most articles are rated with an "E", an "M" or a "C", to tell the reader whether the article is considered "easy," "medium" or "challenging." Very few of the articles are "C-rated."

There is also a short summary of each article in German and, at the end of most articles, a list of "tricky words" with the German translation. The words are underlined in the article.

A glance at the material in recent issues shows the extent to which Spotlight seeks to keep readers informed on developments in the English-speaking world. There were articles on Canada's woes over the mass incursion of U.S.-produced television, on the furor over the "colorizing" of black-and-white movies, on North American ancestor-hunters in Ireland and on Mrs. Thatcher's American daughter-in-law.

Spotlight is published monthly by Spotlight Verlag Dr. E. Müller of Heersching near Munich, and has a circulation of 75,000, 85 percent by subscription. Its typical reader is young, with above-average education and income.

The company also publishes "Écoute," a magazine in "facile à lire" French.

## Alsterdamm: 40 Years of Punctuality

No celebration will mark the 40th anniversary of Hamburg's Alsterdamm Art School. Founder-director Gerd F. Setzke said there was no time for that. His statement sums up the philosophy at Germany's largest private art school, where punctuality is demanded of the some 200 graphic arts students. Setzke gets 10 applications daily for admission and can accept 50 new students a semester. But, he says, "Those who stick it out have job contracts in their pockets before they get their diplomas." Students at the four-year institution have won some 250 cash prizes and designed 27 U.N. stamps.

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Impressionist Bargains in the Off-Season

International Herald Tribune
LONDON—Blockbuster exhibitions and major auctions provide a simplified view of art history.

A landscape of his, "Falsais aux Environs de Dieppe," was No. 2 in Sotheby's sale and shows how different he remained from those we now think of as Impressionists.

SOUREN MELIKIAN

Wednesday auction of Impressionist, Modern and Contemporary Paintings, the revision process started with the first lots.

The next work was more astonishing still. Signed Jongkind and dated 1849, it gave a view of Impressionist art a quarter of a century before its official birth.

Guillaumin was the most extreme in his determination to break with the aesthetics of the past and refused to "paint one stroke other than from nature."

It is a wide open landscape seen from a hilltop and with ripples of shaded green and pale brown, some touches of ochre, and a thin purple strip over the horizon.



"Mill by a River," by Johan Barthold Jongkind.

picture which, were it not for a tiny detail, could be mistaken for an essay in Abstractionist landscape painting.

carefully, it betrays an interesting tendency to paint in wobbly strokes of color—a sort of premonition of the later Impressionist touch.

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Faces as Flora and Fauna

By Michael Gibson

International Herald Tribune
VENICE—"Effetto Arcimboldo"—the title suggests some dark genetic tragedy in outer space.

Subtitled "Transformations of the Face From the 16th to the 20th Century," the show at the Palazzo Grassi through May 31 is clearly meant to be more than the presentation of a curious, idiosyncratic painter.

With a selection of 300 items, it is also intended to raise an intriguing question to which the formalist school of art criticism has not provided a satisfactory answer.



Arcimboldo's "Vertumnus - Rudolf II."

The show might, in a sense, be regarded as a horror story, although it begins like an entertainment.



Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

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to entertain. On this point the catalogue appropriately reminds us that Arcimboldo lived in an age that was just beginning to take stock of the world in an encyclopedic way.

Yet even though the entertainment value of these works has generally been regarded as rather high, it needs but a glance at Arcimboldo's pen and blue pencil self-portrait, his lean (and no doubt sallow) features, his sad and solemn eyes to realize that the man could not have been moved by any simple urge to entertain.

Arcimboldo was 14 when Paracelsus died and Michelangelo completed the Sistine Chapel. He was 16 when Copernicus first suggested that the earth circled the sun.

An ichthyologist, for instance, reimagined as many as 62 species of fishes, reptiles, cephalopods, mollusks, crustaceans and so forth, meticulously rendered in the figure of "Water"—there are even more but they cannot all be definitely identified.

The Palazzo Grassi show, conceived by Yasha David, does not propose any definite answer to the exciting question it raises.

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ECONOMIC SCENE

Banks, Weary of Caprices, Close Ranks Against Brazil

By CARL GEWIRTZ International Herald Tribune

PARIS—Brazil and its foreign bankers are playing a game of brinkmanship in which bankers and economists believe Brazil will be the loser. The current crisis is not regarded as part of the debt problem, but as a self-inflicted wound resulting from the reckless pursuit of populist policies by a government seeking popularity with voters.

Taking a "hit" on earnings instead of negotiating would be hardest on U.S. banks.

The hardest hit of the U.S. banks would be Bank of America, which had been reporting losses even before the latest trouble with Brazil. Up to now, the threat of nonpayment has been successful. Mexico, for example, last year was able to win from banks a new loan for 12 years and another rescheduling of its outstanding debt for 20 years, both at an interest rate of 13/16 percent over the London interbank offered rate.

SYMPATHISTS note, for example, that despite considerable efforts at domestic belt-tightening by the debtors and despite the relatively favorable international environment—a huge drop in interest rates and the cost of imported oil—the level of interest payments as a percentage of debtor countries' exports has barely changed.

Lloyds Profit Rises 42%

Charges on Debts Declined in '86

LONDON—Lloyds Bank PLC, Britain's fourth-largest clearing bank, announced Friday that net profit for 1986 rose 42 percent to £470 million (\$723 million) from £331 million.

The earnings were generally in line with expectations. Lloyds Bank's shares closed at 468 pence Friday on the London Stock Exchange after a quoted high of 482 pence and a close of 460 pence Thursday.

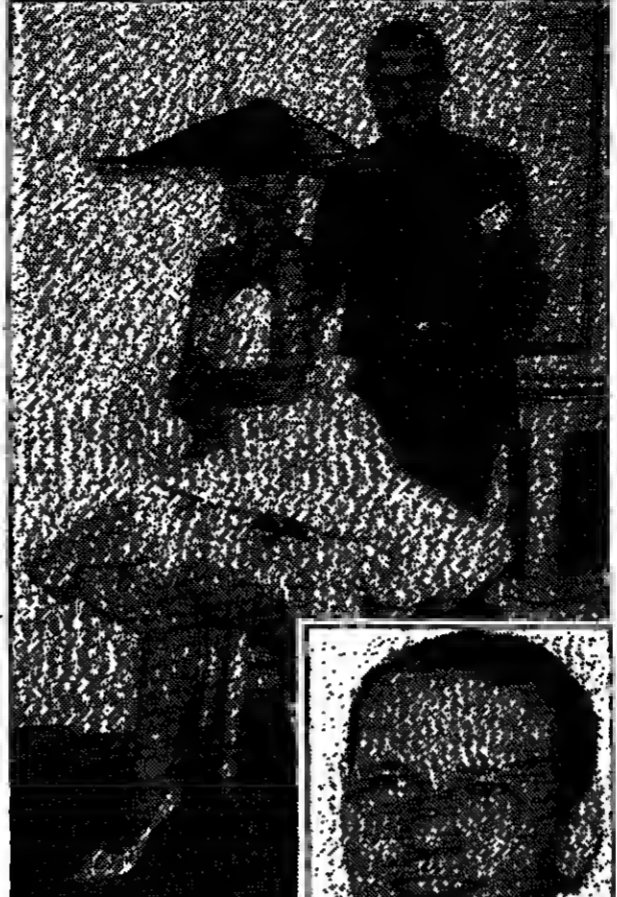
Other banks' shares were generally lower amid gloom in the sector over Brazil's decision to halt payments on part of the interest owed on its debt. Lloyds and Midland Bank PLC have the highest loan exposure in Latin America among the four biggest British banks.

Designer's Defection Ruffles Patou

Fashion House Seeks Millions In Damages

By Jacques Neher Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS—Christian Lacroix, by many lights the hottest name in the world of haute couture today, has found himself a target of an \$5 million franc (\$14 million) lawsuit that has set the Paris fashion industry on its ear.



Christian Lacroix with a model from his last collection at Patou. Inset, Jean de Moity, Patou's president.

The dispute began Feb. 3 when Mr. Lacroix announced at a news conference that he was leaving the fashion house of Jean Patou, where he had been designing collections for five years, to start his own house.

On Monday, the design house founded by Jean Patou in 1914 and run today by his great-nephew, Jean de Moity, broke three weeks of silence. In advertisements in three Paris newspapers, it accused the chairman of Agache, Bernard Arnault, of organizing a public relations campaign aimed at "appropriating" business from Patou by playing up Mr. Lacroix's departure.

Mr. Lacroix, the most copied designer in the world, says he cannot understand Patou's reaction.

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Consumer Prices In U.S. Increased 0.7% in January

The Associated Press

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Currency Rates

Table showing currency rates for various countries including Australia, Brazil, Canada, and others.

Interest Rates

Table showing interest rates for Eurocurrency deposits, money rates, and U.S. money market funds.

Miyazawa Campaigns to Spur Japan's Economy

By Rich Miller

TOKYO—Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa is expected to launch a behind-the-scenes campaign to revamp economic policy in an attempt to boost the sagging economy and his political fortunes, according to analysts here.



Kiichi Miyazawa

With pressure mounting on Japan to stimulate its economy and Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's popularity waning, Mr. Miyazawa's chances of loosening policy and succeeding Mr. Nakasone later this year have improved, they said.

Kenjiro Ohtsubo, a member of Mr. Miyazawa's parliamentary faction of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, said the minister would probably seek a shift toward more government spending after the 1987/88 budget is approved for the fiscal year beginning in April.

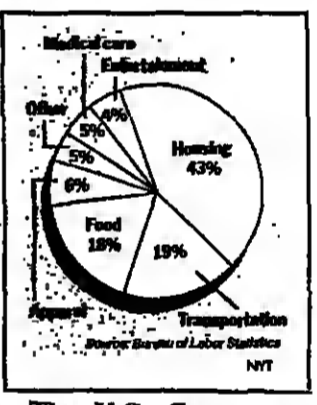
Gold

Table showing gold prices in various currencies.

Bananas Appeal, Meat Rarer In U.S. Consumer Preferences

By Jane Seabery Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON—Yes, they bought more bananas. And in the United States last year, more videocassette recorders and home computers, more high-fiber cereals and more shoes. But less red meat.



The U.S. Consumer Price Index shows new spending patterns.

Some items that people now buy regularly—such as videocassette recorders and video games—were virtually unheard of 10 years ago.

The first use of the revision was the consumer price index for January, released Friday.

People have begun substituting bananas for oranges, largely because of weather-related factors that have made oranges less plentiful and relatively more expensive since the mid-1970s.

Despite the decline in red meat consumption and the increasing use of poultry, beef remained the meat of choice. When people who decided to eat less red meat ate it, they generally ate steak, rather than hamburger or other varieties.

Purchases of cable television service jumped 600 percent in the 10-year period.

Since the 1972-73 period, the combined purchases of new trucks (including vans) and motorcycles doubled.

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NYSE Gets Lift From Bonds

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange ended narrowly higher Friday in moderate trading, buoyed by firm bond prices and modest gains in oil and banking issues.

"The market's getting a lot of crosscurrents," said Joseph Barthel, director of technical strategy at Butcher & Singer. "We're seeing individual pockets of strength while other stocks that have had a strong runup are correcting."

Mr. Barthel predicted that equities could rene their climb next week. Xerox was the most active NYSE-listed issue, slipping 1/4 to 73 1/4. Navistar followed, falling 1/2 to 7 1/4. American Motors was third, rising 1/4 to 33 1/4.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Korean Air Orders Up to 8 MD-11s

Los Angeles Times Service
LOS ANGELES — Korean Air Lines Inc. signed a formal agreement to buy up to eight McDonnell Douglas MD-11 jetliners worth \$1 billion, the second-largest order received for the yet to be built wide-body aircraft.

American Decides Not to Raise Fares After Other Airlines Refuse to Follow

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — American Airlines has given up on an attempt to reverse the industry's latest foray into deep discounts. American announced earlier this month that it would increase fares and tighten advance-purchase requirements on its cheapest tickets, effective Monday. But it said Thursday it was abandoning those plans because no other carriers would go along.

Citicorp to Offer Credit Card in Japan in March

TOKYO — Citicorp Card Services Inc., a subsidiary of Citicorp, will enter Japan's credit card market in March by issuing its Gold Citicard in cooperation with Union Credit Card Co. of Japan and MasterCard International. Citicorp officials said Friday. Gold Citicard holders will also be able to obtain loans through cash dispensers at about 15,000 banks affiliated with Union Credit, they said. Citicorp's vice president, G. Curt Ludvigson, said the bank was to try to tie up with a Japanese financial institution. "We are embarking on a program to make Citicard a household name in this country," he said. He said Citicorp expected the number of card holders in Japan to grow by about 50 million over five years and Citicorp hoped to get a million of them.

Saint-Gobain's Owners Elect Their First Board

By Axel Krause
International Herald Tribune
PARIS — They wouldn't have been here a year ago. But amid the fanfare of rock music and film clips, shareholders of the recently denationalized Compagnie Saint-Gobain held their first meeting Friday. The meeting of the first company to kick off the government's denationalization plans for 65 concerns ended two hours later as several shareholder groups vehemently protested the proposed list of 12 candidates for the new board. At they drew shouts, boos and whistles from other shareholders, who voted to approve all of management's proposals, which included approving the board and authorizing future increases in capital. "Today was largely a French media event, resembling a movie premiere, and in some ways a U.S. shareholders' meeting, but it also was unprecedented in French corporate history," commented a senior Saint-Gobain executive. "I can recall meetings before we were nationalized when few if any shareholders knew, or cared, how we ran things." Indeed, the meeting, which was held in the Zenith concert hall in Paris, and drew about 3,000 shareholders, was but the first step in a plan by the company to meet with all of its 1.6 million shareholders, 91 percent of whom did not hold Saint-Gobain shares before its nationalization by the previous Socialist government in 1982. "In the United States, companies know their shareholders, but out here in France," commented Bruno Roger, managing partner of Lazard Freres & Compagnie, an international investment bank. Mr. Roger was elected to membership on Saint-Gobain's board, and his firm was a key financial advisor in the denationalization. Mr. Roger emphasized that shareholder support for management could prove crucial in financing new expansion and thwarting unfriendly takeover bids in the future. The easier task Friday was presenting the company's activities. As the lights dimmed in the hall and the rock music began, a short film showed Jean-Louis Beffa, the chairman, being driven to his office, explaining that he was 45 years old, married and the father of three children, and that he enjoyed swimming and golf. "But above all, I am a Saint-Gobain man, and thanks for buying the shares," he concluded. The lights came on and Mr. Beffa formally opened the meeting by introducing his key executives, whose comments stirred scattered applause. The protests surfaced quickly after Mr. Beffa called for questions from the floor. "There is no one on the board representing the small shareholders — Why?" asked Daniel Joget of Rennes, a marketing executive of the French state railways, who said he represented about 200 Saint-Gobain shareholders. "What these people say is of no importance anyway," commented Suzanne Clement, a retired laboratory technician, who said she purchased 10 shares at the initial, opening price of 310 francs. "I am very happy with my shares at today's price," quoted on the Paris Bourse at 403 francs during the past several days, Mrs. Clement said. "We do not carry any weight," she added. "But why did she attend? 'Curiosity — it was my first meeting of this kind ever,'



Shareholders in Saint-Gobain, which was denationalized in December, met for the first time Friday, in a concert hall.

Company Results

Table of company results including revenue, profit, and share price for various companies.

INTERNATIONAL FUNDS (Quotations Supplied by Funds Listed) 27 Feb. 1987

Table of international fund quotations including fund names, prices, and performance metrics.

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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Stable, Despite Trade Figures

NEW YORK — The dollar was slightly higher Friday, showing little reaction to the report of a \$1.4 billion U.S. trade deficit in January...

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THE EUROMARKETS

Bank FRNs Recover Some of Earlier Losses

LONDON — After a tumultuous week of trading, traditional floating-rate notes from U.S. and Canadian banks closed Friday...

professionals were buying on Friday to cover earlier sales of paper they had not yet owned...

DEBT: Venezuela Terms

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visory committee, meeting in New York, expressed grave concern to Brazil's chief negotiator...

Argentina has threatened to emulate Brazil's payments moratorium if the banks do not grant its request for fresh funds...

Meanwhile, it was announced in Washington that the United States and other countries decided Thursday to grant a \$500 million short-term loan to Argentina...

The U.S. Treasury said its willingness to participate in the loan indicated support for a four-month wage and price freeze...

Banking sources said the loan would make it easier to convince Argentina's commercial creditors to advance fresh loans...

Under the Venezuela accord, the interest rate will be reduced to 1/2 of a point over the benchmark London interbank offered rate...

The amount of principal that Venezuela will repay in 1987, 1988 and 1989 will be reduced to a total of \$1.35 billion from \$3.36 billion...

Bankers cautioned that some details still must be worked out, including whether the new terms should be applied retroactively...

But when he found out it was effective immediately, he was a little shocked. He felt it was too

SCENE: Bankers, Weary of Caprice on Debt, Close Ranks Against Brazil

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have made it more difficult for U.S. banks to privately write off any of the debt as more other national groups have...

The U.S. banks, with four years of high earnings and large provisions for bad loans, are better able to take such a drubbing than they were when the crisis first erupted...

Even if Brazil presented a plausible package of economic reforms, without an agreement with the International Monetary Fund...

PATOU: Sues Over Defection

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quick, and he asked me not to tell the press for three months. But I said that was impossible...

Rumors also have been circulating in the fashion industry that Mr. de Moly had hoped to sell Patou's name to another designer...

Mr. Lacroix also said that Patou had refused to let him start a ready-to-wear line, which he now plans to do with Agache's backing...

A spokesman for Patou and Mr. de Moly refused to comment on the case. But a source close to the Patou executive said that Mr. de Moly filed suit in part because he felt that "it wasn't very gentlemanly" for Mr. Lacroix to walk out without telling him in advance...

Mr. Lacroix said that when he informed Mr. de Moly that he was leaving, "He said at first, it's good thing, you have to have your own line."

Euro-Commercial Paper

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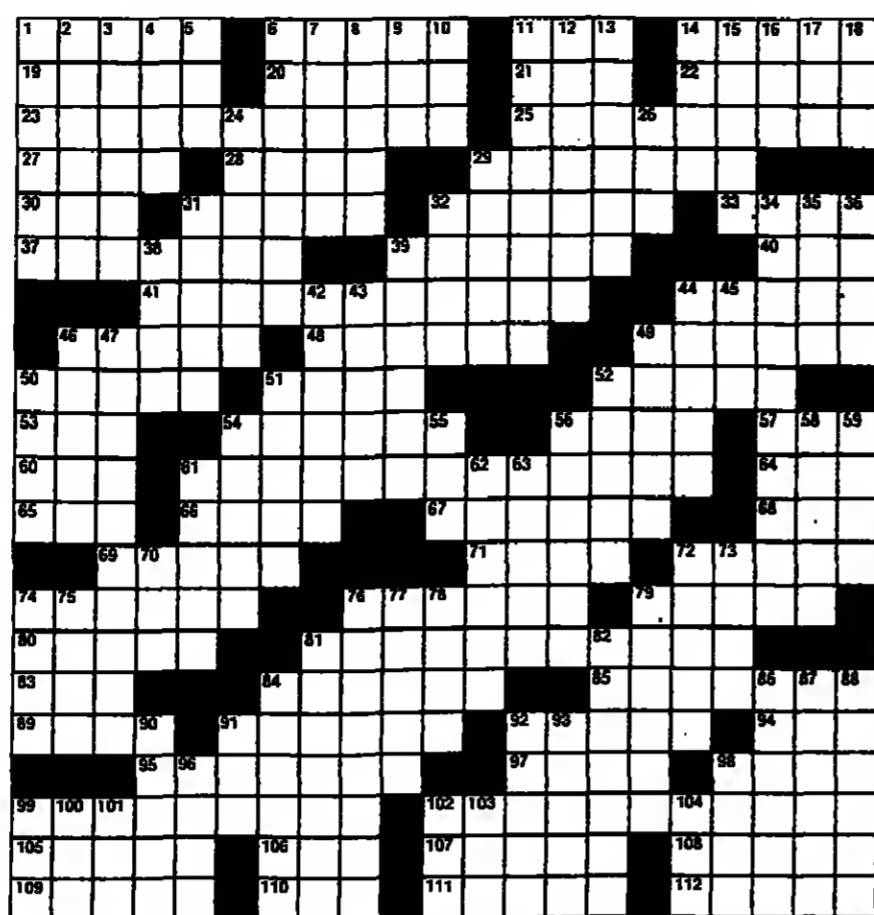
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### G.K. CHESTERTON

By Michael Ffinch. 369 pages. Illustrated. \$18.95. Harper & Row, Publishers Inc., 10 East 53d Street, New York, N. Y. 10022.

#### DAYLIGHT AND NIGHTMARE: Uncollected Stories and Fables

By G.K. Chesterton. Selected and arranged by Marie Smith. 144 pages. \$14.95. Dodd, Mead & Co., 79 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10016.

Reviewed by John Gross

G. K. CHESTERTON wrote an engaging autobiography that throws light on a great many things in passing, even on G.K. Chesterton; but the finest autobiography is no substitute for a biography. After his death Maie Ward wrote a life of Chesterton that is exceptionally good of its kind; but it was written, so to speak, from the inside, by a friend who had been part of his world and shared most of his values. A new biography, written from the outside, has been long overdue.

In many ways Michael Ffinch's book fills the bill well. While it is plainly a labor of love, Ffinch

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strikes a proper balance between sympathy and detachment; he makes effective use of the unpublished material to which he has been given access, resists the temptation to set up in competition with Chesterton, and creates what is, as far as it goes, a perceptive and credible portrait.

He is particularly good on Chesterton's childhood in late Victorian London, on the school days in which he first developed his passion (too strong a passion, from the point of view of his writings) for knockabout public debate, and on the family background from which he clearly derived both a great deal of strength and some fairly sizable unresolved problems.

Around the age of 20, in the mid-1890s, he suffered a major emotional crisis, which he used to refer to in retrospect in rather vague, melodramatic terms, connecting it with a generalized sense of evil and with the fin de siècle cult of Decadence; it was compounded, if it wasn't caused, by the fact that he went through an exceptionally late puberty. His marriage, though apparently sexless, was anything but loveless, but in his early 30s, having previously been quite thin, he began to swell up and assume the balloon-like proportions that became part of the stock "G.K.C." legend. A breakdown in 1914 brought him very close to death.

Some of the lesser aspects of Chesterton that Ffinch discusses include his middle-aged crush on a neighbor's adolescent daughter, and his lifelong penchant for dressing up — as a judge, presiding over mock trials; as Dr. Johnson (though his mistake tended to spoil the effect), as Old King Cole at a village fete. He even showed up at one literary dinner decked out as the Blessed Damozel.

We are also treated to some unfamiliar though highly characteristic examples of Chestertonian humor. He once remarked that the English should have instituted an annual Thanksgiving Day, to celebrate the fact that the Pilgrim Fathers had left.

Yet for all its virtues, Ffinch's biography falls short of what was required — chiefly, I think, because it doesn't grapple hard enough with Chesterton's writing, the only thing that justifies devoting a book to him in the first place. To sort out the good from the bad in his work is a difficult task; a speck of gold can be hidden among a pile of dross, a beautiful conception is often spoiled, or half-spoiled, by some exasperating gambols. But to characterize his still underrated virtues — his imaginative leaps, his brilliance as an aphorist, his mix of his prose at its best — can be more difficult still; at any rate, it calls for powers of analysis and advocacy that Ffinch seldom displays.

One of Chesterton's great gifts, even if he sometimes drove it too hard, was a deep sense of the sardonic. Jorge Luis Borges discusses this aspect of his work in a fine passage quoted by Marie Smith in her foreword to "Daylight and Nightmare," citing some graphic examples of Chesterton's ability to contrive macabre inventions, and concluding that he restrained himself from taking the road of a Poe or a Kafka, "something in the makeup of his personality leaned towards the nightmarish, something secret, and blind, and central."

Like almost everything Chesterton wrote, the previously uncollected stories in "Daylight and Nightmare" have their imperfections. But the best of them live up to Borges's description. A city street rebels against the burdens placed on it, for example, or a group of madmen start planning to improve the shape of St. Paul's Cathedral, and in no time at all what began as a joke produces an authentic shudder.

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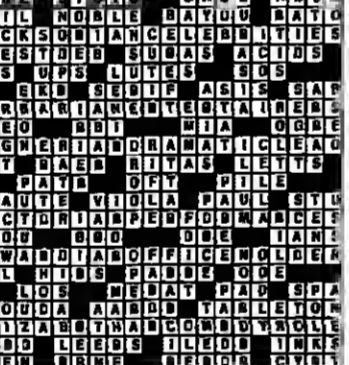
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ACP Holding	61.20	+	61.20	Alstom	275	+	275
Alcatraz	275	+	275	Alstom	275	+	275
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Stockholm	Class Prev.	Change	Prev.	Sydney	Class Prev.	Change	Prev.
AGA	171	+	171	AGL	330	+	330
Aero	290	+	290	AHL	330	+	330
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2300 Alcan	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	0
2302 Bell	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	0

London	Class Prev.	Change	Prev.	Tokyo	Class Prev.	Change	Prev.
1420 Lloyds	320	+	320	1420 Lloyds	320	+	320
1422 Lloyds	320	+	320	1422 Lloyds	320	+	320

SPORTS

One Man's Lucky 13 for Derby

By Andrew Beyer
Washington Post Service
HIALEAH, Fla. — The testing process for Kentucky Derby candidates was beginning in earnest on Saturday with the Flamingo Stakes...

Steven Roman's handicapping system has had phenomenal success, but has its flaws.

This system for handicapping the Derby was devised by Steven Roman, a mathematician and breeding expert, and was popularized by Leon Rasmussen through his column in the Daily Racing Form...

Walliser Skis Into Lead In World Cup

The Associated Press
ZWIESEL, West Germany — Maria Walliser won her third giant slalom of the season Friday and regained the lead in the women's overall World Cup standings...

Drechsler Batters Mark For Indoor Long Jump

The Associated Press
NEW YORK — East Germany's Heike Drechsler set a world indoor mark in the women's long jump Friday...

Jordan of Bulls Scores 58, Most In NBA Season

The Associated Press
CHICAGO — Michael Jordan had scored 58 points, the most in an NBA game this season and a regular-season Chicago Bulls record...



Chicago's Michael Jordan jumping for a dunk. With Chamberlain, below, then with the Philadelphia Warriors, using his characteristic finger roll against Syracuse in 1960.

25 Years Ago, 'the Stilt' Broke 100 by Himself

The Associated Press
HERSHEY, Pennsylvania — Wilt Chamberlain's teammates knew something was right that night. They first noticed it on the two-hour ride from their home base in Philadelphia...



Wilt Chamberlain performing a finger roll shot.

At Stanford, a Lonely 'No' to NCAA's Drug Tests

By Michael Goodwin
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — Simone LeVant is not "one in a million." She is, however, one in 15,000. There are about that many students at U.S. universities participating in sports under the authority of the National Collegiate Athletic Association...

and the school's president, Donald Kennedy, admitted LeVant. "We're very much opposed to drugs here," Geiger said. "But we're supposed to be in the education business and instead we're playing cops and robbers and public relations..."

SCOREBOARD

Table containing NBA Standings, U.S. College Results, NHL Standings, and World Cup Skiing results. Includes sub-sections for Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and various international sports results.

The 3-Point 'Equalizer' Is Reshaping U.S. College Basketball

United Press International
NEW YORK — The most influential man in U.S. college basketball this season is at little Springfield College in western Massachusetts...

point total reached by 38.6 percent accuracy from 3-point range, the national average. "Never has the game been more exciting," Steitz said. "We don't find people wanting out of the gym near the end of a game..."

both expected to be among the best clubs in the nation — have struggled in part because of a lack of an outside shooter who can take advantage of the 3-point rule. "If a coach employed the 3-point shot right away and worked it to his offense the team is probably doing well," Steitz said...

Suns Coach Fired In His 14th Year

United Press International
PHOENIX, Arizona — John MacLeod, whose tenure with the Phoenix Suns was the longest of any current National Basketball Association coach, has been replaced by Dick Van Arsdale...

World Cup Skiing

WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM
1. Maria Walliser, Switzerland, 2:16.85, 15.68 seconds.
2. Erika Hess, Switzerland, 2:16.87, 15.68 seconds.

Spaniard Shoots 59, Tying a Golf Record

The Associated Press
MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina — Miguel Marín has tied a world tournament record with a 59 for 18 holes on the 6,013-yard (5,501-meter) Playa Grande golf course...

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POSTCARD Tongue-in-Chic Walking

By William E. Geist New York Times Service NEW YORK — "So," one customer facing up a pair of Cushionaire-soled Step-Flex shoes said to another, "how long have you been walking?" And the second one replied, "Oh, about a month."

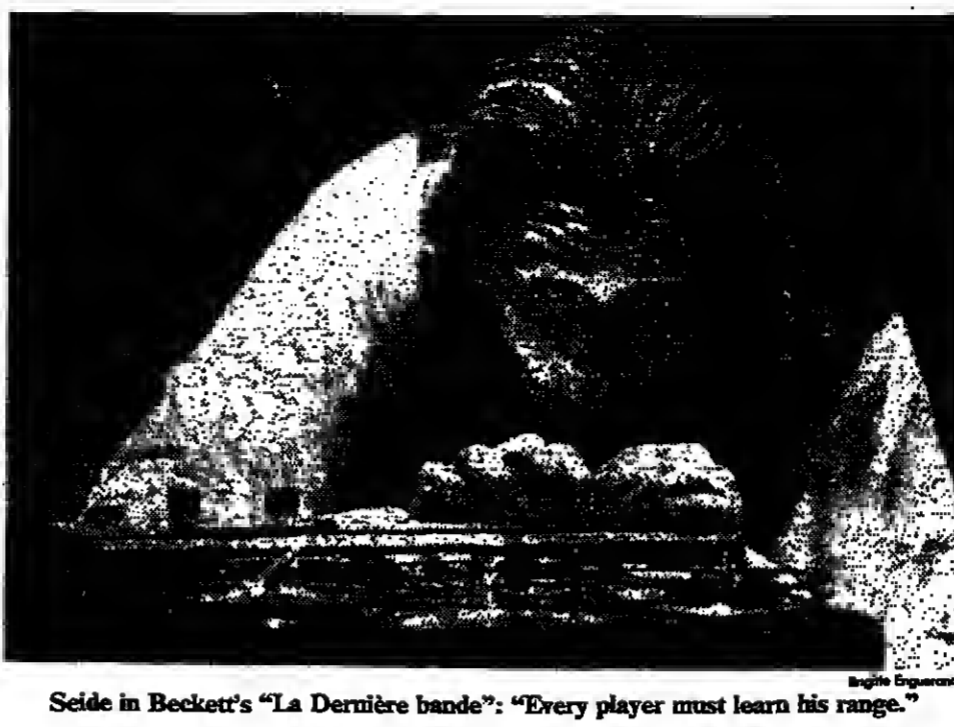
This was not a couple of toddlers shooting the breeze at a day-care center, but rather two middle-aged men in business suits trying on expensive walking shoes (or "walking systems," as some are called) at the Urban Hiker, a store billing itself as "America's First Walking Store."

For it. "People have been walking for centuries," he said. "People can talk while they walk." "Walking relieves stress and burns calories," Pakradonnan said. And there are those who believe it can do a lot more than that. One of the store's customers is David Balboa, whose business card reads "The Walking Psychotherapist, M.S.W., C.S.W., M.B.A."

There is a copy of a magazine called "Walking," which carries articles on how and where to walk and what to wear. There are ads in the magazine for a "walking video" and a book titled "Walk, Don't Die," which "shows you how jogging kills, calisthenics cripple, diets debilitate and aerobics disable."

PARIS — Stuart Seide, the American-born actor-director, has taken another step in his cultural career by playing in "La Dernière bande," the original French version of "Krapp's Last Tape" by the Irish Nobel Prize winner, Samuel Beckett.

Seide came to Paris 17 years ago, at a time when the French theater was opening to foreign directors, and among other projects he directed a cycle of Feydeau plays. Here he goes further, interpreting in his adopted language a play written in the playwright's adopted language.



Seide in Beckett's "La Dernière bande": "Every player must learn his range."

Seide, who was a mathematics professor in the United States, believes that the science of numbers bears an affinity to the theater. "In both there is a basic element of illusion," he said. "To question the rules of either one is fatal. The Beckett play in which I am acting presents an old man making a recording. Why is he old? Why is he there? Such questions must remain as unanswerable as the actions of geography."

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early 1970s the French theater opened its doors to directors from abroad. The Pole Jerzy Grotowski and the American Robert Wilson, visiting with their companies, were acclaimed prophets of new theatrical forms. Terry Hands was invited to direct Shakespeare at the Comédie Française, which Franco Zeffirelli and Joseph Losey were guest directors at the Paris Opéra. Peter Brook began his reign at the Gobelins and then at the Théâtre des Bouffes du Nord and the Latin-American invasion included Jorge Lavelli, Mario Gonzalez (who directed the new production of "La Dernière bande"), Victor Garcia, who specialized in Genet and Arrabal plays, and Alfredo Arias with the brilliant TSE collective.

PEOPLE

Wife Confirms Shultz Has a Tattoo of a Tiger

Helena Shultz confirmed Thursday that her husband, Secretary of State George P. Shultz, has a tiger tattoo on his buttocks which he got while a student at Princeton University. She made her comments aboard the secretary's plane en route to Hong Kong and China. Shultz had declined to confirm the report when it first surfaced last month. "I don't have any secrets left," he said then. "That's the only thing I have left, what is on my rear end."

Patricia Neary, the director of La Scala ballet, announced Friday that she will not renew her contract with the Milan theater when it expires in July. The American dancer-choreographer joined La Scala two years ago.

A bed of 20,000 flowers arranged to spell out, in 12-foot-high letters, the name of Linda McCartney, wife of ex-Beatle Paul, was ordered by police to be removed from a slope 150 yards from a motorway in Berkshire, England, the London independent newspaper reported. The decision came after four vehicles collided during rush hour, blocking all three lanes, and causing a number of casualties. Drivers were apparently distracted by the display, which cost £20,000 (about \$30,000), and was to publicize an exhibition in Bath of Linda McCartney's photographs. She said afterward that she would have the flowers removed and sent to children's hospitals.

It's a far cry from the delicacy of traditional kabuki dance forms, but Japanese have taken to the tango. "Japan seems to be in the midst of a tango boom," said Tsutomu Yamada of Japan's Dance Association. "Basically, they just seem to like it." "Tango Noir," a song by the popular singer Nakamura Akiko, recently topped the music charts in Japan, and Tokyo now boasts its first Tango Fan Club.

Prince Hiro, grandson of Japan's Emperor Hirohito, will make a 16-day visit to Nepal, Bhutan and India, starting March 11.

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